

- IV. The species described on page 36, line 11 of the specification;
- V. The species described on page 60, line 7 of the specification;
- VI. The species described on page 65, line 8 of the specification;
- VII. The species described on page 69, line 22 of the specification, and
- VIII. An in-determinant number of additional species described beginning on page 71, line 27 of the specification.

Applicants, without traverse, respectfully request the Examiner to proceed with Species I principally described beginning on page 11, line 8 of the specification. Applicants believe that Claims 1-6, 9-12 and 16 read on the elected species and that at least Claims 1-4, 9-12 and 16 are generic. Applicants request that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

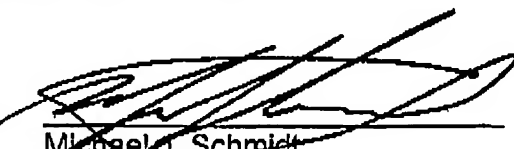
CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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